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COUNTY PROGRAMS TAKE HOME NATIONAL AWARDS *29 Programs Recognized by National Association of Counties*

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dianne Jacob announced today that San Diego County placed second, with 29 awards, in a national achievement program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), which recognizes excellence in government and encourages other jurisdictions to emulate award winning programs.

"These San Diego County award-winning programs cover many topics, but strongly reflect the County's three Strategic Initiatives – Kids, the Environment and Safe & Livable Communities," said Chairwoman Jacob.

Among the programs honored were the Emancipated Foster Youth Transitional Housing Program which provides rental assistance to former foster youth between the ages of 18 and 21, the Local Assistance Centers program which provided victims of the October firestorms with a "one stop shop" to seek assistance and information, and "Fight the Bite," the County's strategic response plan to combat West Nile Virus.

Other winning programs include the Consumer Awareness Program for retail Scanner Price Accuracy, the Library's Amazon.com Wish List Project, the Emergency Medical Alert Network, the San Diego e-Bus and Rental Assistance Fraud Detection.

The National Association of Counties, or NACo, was established in 1935 and has more than 2,000 member counties across the nation. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., NACo represents county government interests at the federal government level.

Los Angeles County won first place with 33 awards.

For a complete list of winning San Diego County programs, please see page two.



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- Consumer Awareness Program for Scanner Price Accuracy (AW&M)
- Farmworker Health Initiative (AW&M)
- "Fight The Bite" – a West Nile Virus Strategic Response Plan (DEH)
- Assistance to Maricopa County: Providing Analysis of Ambient Hydrocarbon Samples (APCD)
- Title V Operating Permit Program (APCD)
- Fallbrook Revitalization (DPLU)
- Strategic Acquisition Planning GIS Mapping Model (Parks)
- Department of Parks & Recreation Strike Team (Parks)
- Erosion Control Actions- Firestorm 2003 (DPW)
- Local Assistance Centers – Firestorm 2003 (DPW/Countywide)
- Customer Service Training (HCD)
- Lincoln Acres Community Cleanup Project (HCD)
- Rental Assistance Fraud Detection Partnership (HCD)
- San Diego e-Bus – Bridging the Digital Divide (HCD)
- Emancipated Foster Youth Transitional Housing Program (HCD)
- Library Staff Training Academy (Library)
- Amazon Wish List Project (Library)
- The Virtual Teen Experience (Library)
- Library DVD/CD Care and Repair Program (Library)
- Contracts Training Academy (HHSA)
- Earn It, Keep It, Save It! Program (HHSA)
- HHSA Revenue Project (HHSA)
- East Region Way Station (HHSA)
- Health Advisory Committee on Terrorism (HHSA)
- Emergency Medical Alert Network (HHSA)
- Mentally Ill Offender Program (Probation)
- Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (DA)
- Identify Theft Program (DA)
- Constituency Outreach (T/TC)

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